THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (f) The Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC) submitted its main report for the period 2000-05 on 7.7.2000 and the report on the additional terms of reference on 30.08.2000. These reports together with Explanatory Memoranda on the action taken on the recommendations of these reports were laid on the Table of the House on 27th July, 2000 and 19th December, 2000 respectively.

While recommending share in central taxes and local body grants to States, EFC has given due regard to the performance of States in their underlying criteria. Besides, the Commission has recommended for creation of an Incentive Fund from which fiscal performance based grants arc to be released to the States. Pursuant to this recommendation, a scheme for States' Fiscal Reforms Facility (2000-01 to 2004-05) has been drawn up to encourage the States to draw Medium Term Fiscal Reform Programme (MTFRP) aimed at reducing their revenue deficit by 5 percentage points in each year. So far, MTFRP of 13 States has been finalised and Rs. 1457 crores has been released to these States out of the Incentive Fund.

Allocation of funds to Jharkhand By 'NABARD'

2412. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the NABARD to Jharkhand for implementation of various projects in the State during each of the last three years, project-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted for selection of these projects; and

(c) the time by when each of these projects is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it

has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 214.47 crorc for utilization in Jharkhand out of Rural Infrasti ucture Development Fund (RIDF) during the last three years, as per details given below:

Tranches	Total amount (Rs. crores)
RIDF-III (1997-98)	4.35
RIDF-IV (1998-99)	118.5
RIDF-V (1999-2000)	91.42
RIDF-VI (2000-2001)	NIL
RIDF-VII (2001-2002)	NIL

(b) NABARD has reported that projects should pertain to eligible items under RIDF, be technically feasible and sponsored by the State Government.

(c) Rural infrastructure projects sanctioned out of RIDF arc phased to be completed in maximum three years period.

L.T.C. for Central Government Employees

2413. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the LTC facility for the Central Government employees has been kept in abeyance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry of Finance is thinking of reviewing its decision for rcintroduction of LTC facility for employees of the Central Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) The LTC facility has been kept in abeyance in view of need for economy in public expenditure. The position has been reviewed and it has been decided that the present is not the opportune moment for reviewing the same.